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¶1. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE POST'S REPORTING ON THE EFFECTS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS ON ALBANIA. INFORMATION ON DECLINING REMITTANCES AND THE VIEWS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS ON THIS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY INCOME WAS PARTICULARLY INSIGHTFUL. REFTEL PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT WAS TIMELY AND DETAILED. WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHT OR INFORMATION POST HAS ON THE TOPIC, PARTICULARLY A PROFILE OF MIGRANT LABORERS, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.  
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